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From: Allen, HarryL [Allen.HarryL@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/24/2019 8:01:32 PM
To: Castellana, Ben [castellana.ben@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Wastes - Slauson Tanker Fire

I'm busy at that time but you've got this covered

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2019, at 12:19 PM, Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes; 2:30 would be fine; please call my cell number below.

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On Apr 24, 2019, at 11:59 AM, Deryck Roberts <droberts@aqmd.gov> wrote:

Good day Mr. Castellana,

Would you be available to chat on the phone at 2:30 today about this case?

Deryck Roberts

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From: Castellana, Ben [<mailto:castellana.ben@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 10:32 AM
To: Deryck Roberts <droberts@aqmd.gov>; Michal Haynes <mhaynes@aqmd.gov>
Cc: BERMAN, TESSA <Berman.Tessa@epa.gov>; Allen, HarryL <Allen.HarryL@epa.gov>
Subject: Wastes - Slauson Tanker Fire

Dear Mr. Roberts and Mr. Haynes,

I very much appreciate AQMD's help and input with the Slauson Tanker Fire Site. As you know EPA is the lead agency overseeing this response, and it is my

hope that AQMD's involvement will help the PRP's contractors perform the cleanup safely, and with minimal impact to the surrounding community.

It is also my hope and expectation that the wastes accumulated during the Emergency Response leave the site as soon as possible. These include boom, debris and PPE in drums and a 20-yard roll-off bin, as well as waste water and product in the Baker tank on site. I consider the storage of these materials on site to be an imminent and substantial threat to the surrounding community, as they exhibit hazardous characteristics and/or contain pollutants which may release to the environment. The presence of these containers also precludes any further progress at the Site, including the removal of the burned billboard structure, characterization of the spill pathway, demolition of the red-tagged structure, and removal of contaminated soil.

I had an understanding with the PRP's consultant to remove these wastes from the site this week, upon receiving the characterization data. AQMD's interest in applying rules 1466 and 1403 to these containerized wastes and requiring additional sampling of containerized waste for ACM complicates this matter. I do not wish to see these wastes remain on site any longer than absolutely necessary, and I do not wish to see the containers opened again on site for any reason, due to potential threats to workers and the surrounding community. It is my expectation that AQMD will not prohibit the PRP's contractor from removing these sealed and containerized wastes from the Site under a Hazardous Waste Manifest without additional sampling.

Again, I appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and I hope that we can work together to ensure that the Site is cleaned in a manner that protects the community and environment. Please feel free to call me if you have additional questions or concerns about this request.

Sincerely,

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